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Speakers for the 2023-24 Season

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Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Please observe any health protocols in place when attending.
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Autumn Term

**"The US and Britain in the 21st Century:
Is the Relationship Still 'Special'?"**


Sir Peter Westmacott KCMG
Former British Ambassador to the US and Turkey



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"If Science Is to Save Us"

Professor Lord Martin Rees OM FRS
Astronomer Royal and former President Royal Society



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**"Why is Britain One of Only Four Western
Democracies with No Written Constitution?"**

Baroness Brenda Hale DBE FBA
former President, Supreme Court
of the United Kingdom



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**"Power and Human Rights
in a Changing World"**


Yasmine Ahmed
Director, United Kingdom, Human Rights Watch



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**"The UK at Home and in the World:
The Future is Not What it Used to Be"**

Rt. Hon Sir Malcolm Rifkind KCMG KC
former Foreign Secretary and Defence Secretary



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"Nomad Century"

Gaia Vince
Hon Snr Research Fellow, UCL Geography



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"Canada in a Turbulent World"


The Honourable Ralph Goodale PC
High Commissioner for Canada in the UK



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"Where Next on Immigration?"


Stephen Kinnoch MP
Shadow Minister for Immigration,
House of Commons



23 November 2023 [Bio](#)

**"Generations - Does When You
Are Born Shape Who You Are?"**


Professor Bobby Duffy
Director of the Policy Institute, King's College London



30 November 2023 [Bio](#)

**"What Future for the Polar Regions?
Geopolitics, Resources and Climate"**

Professor Klaus Dodds
Executive Dean, School of Life Sciences
and Environment
Royal Holloway University of London



07 December 2023 [Bio](#)

Spring Term

**"The Art of Survival: Southern Europe's
Messy Politics and Resilient Society"**


Professor Jonathan Hopkin
Professor of Comparative Politics,
London School of Economics and Political Science



18 January 2024 [Bio](#)

**"The Future of Pharmaceuticals
in a Fractured World"**

Dr Rory Horner
Global Development Institute,
University of Manchester



25 January 2024 [Bio](#)

"Tipping Points of Our Living Planet"

Professor Tim Lenton
Global Systems Institute, University of Exeter



01 February 2024 [Bio](#)

"Is Authoritarianism Winning?"

Professor David Runciman FBA
Department of Politics and International
Studies (POLIS), University of Cambridge



08 February 2024 [Bio](#)

"Why We Get the Wrong Politicians"

Isabel Hardman
Assistant Editor, The Spectator



15 February 2024 [Bio](#)

"How Africa Will Reshape Our World"

David Pilling
Africa Editor, Financial Times



22 February 2024 [Bio](#)

"Yemen and al-Qaeda: How to Rebuild a Vulnerable Country"

Dr Elisabeth Kendall

The Mistress, Girton College, University of Cambridge



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29 February 2024

"Can Politics Stay Out of Sport?"

Roger Mosey

Master, Selwyn College, Cambridge,
former head of BBC Sport



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07 March 2024

"Challenging Corruption and Waste in Government"

Rt Hon Dame Margaret Hodge DBE

Member, House of Commons,
former Chair, Public Accounts Committee



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14 March 2024

"The Enigma of North Korea and its Geopolitics"

Alastair Morgan CMG

former British Ambassador to North Korea,
Senior Research Fellow, King's College London



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